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SUBJECT: EC AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATION

REF: MTN GENEVA 1720

1. AN FRG TRADE POLICY OFFICIAL (KUEHN), WHO WAS IN
BRUSSELS ON MARCH 8 FOR COUNCIL MEETING, HAS SHED A
LITTLE MORE LIGHT ON EVENTS LEADING TO EC DECISION
TO COMPLAIN TO GROUP AGRICULTURE ON U.S. NOTIFICATIONS.
IN DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS,
MOST MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS TRIED TO STOP THE COMMISSION
FROM FILING ITS COMPLAINT, ARGUING THAT THE EC POSITION
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IS NOT AFFECTED BY WHAT THE U.S. DOES WITH THIRD
COUNTRIES. OTHERS (NOT SPECIFIED) ARGUED THAT THE EC
MUST REMAIN VIGILANT IN PROTECTING ITS POSITION. IN
THE END, KUEHN AND OTHERS WHO HAD OPPOSED THIS ACTION
GAVE IN WHEN INFORMED BY THE COMMISSION THAT MEMBER
STATE OFFICIALS IN GENEVA HAD AGREED TO A COMPROMISE
ENTAILING AN "UNDRAMATIC, UNSPECTACULAR" NOTE FROM THE

COMMISSION TO THE GROUP CHAIRMAN. IT WAS KUEHN'S CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS NOTE WOULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED.

2. WHEN INFORMED BY EMBOFF THAT THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATION CONTAINED THE REQUEST TO PUT THIS ISSUE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT AGRICULTURAL GROUP MEETING, KUEHN EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND REPLIED THAT SUCH ACTION WAS CLEARLY NOT ENVISAGED IN THE DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED IN BRUSSELS. HE SAID THAT HE WILL BE SURE THIS ISSUE IS TAKEN UP AT THE MARCH 10 MEETING OF THE 113 COMMITTEE.

3. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM KUEHN'S COMMENTS, THE COMMISSION'S ACTION DOES NOT REFLECT THE CONSIDERED VIEW OF THE MEMBER STATES. THE OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S 113 COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD GIVE A MUCH CLEARER INDICATION OF HOW THE COMMUNITY INTENDS TO PROCEED. STOESEL

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